dealers seeling fertilisers in small packages upto 5 kgs from obtaining certificate of registration. They have also been advised to allow sale of fertilsers through mobile van with certificate of registration.

Studies on Degradation of Values in the Armed Forces

402. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Indian Express recently that the Defence Research Development Organisation had been asked to conduct studies to ascertain the reasons for the growing degradation of values fall in discipline and integrity in the Armed Forces;

(b) if so, when Government are expect to get the report from the DRDO; and

(c) the details of composition of the study group set up for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Defence Research & Development Organisation has not been asked to conduct studies as referred to in part (a) of the Question.

Acquisition of Hawk Jet Trainer Aircrafts

403. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to acquire Hawk jet trainer aircrafts for the Indian Air Force;

(b) whether the matter was discussed with the British Prime Minister during his recent visit to India;

(c) whether it is a fact that the French firms have offered better terms for supply of Alfa jets; and

(d) if so, whether Government are considering the French offer?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) Government has obtained proposals for the acquisition of an Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) from the two short-listed vendors viz. M/s. Dassault Aviation of France for Alpha jet and M/s. British Aerospace of UK for Hawk. An examination of the competing technical proposals is being finalised. Thereafter, Government approval will be solicited for initiating commercial negotiations. The subject came up for a brief mention during the discussions held by the British Prime Minister.

Seminar on Linkage Between Industry and Defence

404. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Seminar on "Greater Linkage between Industry and Defence" held recently in Delhi organised by the Confedration of Indian Industry for achieving self reliance; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the suggestions made at the seminar and what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Salient suggestions made at the seminar are the follwing:—

(i) A close co-operation should be established between defence and civil sector industry so that the latter's participation in defence production could be optimised.

(ii) There should be an increased transparency in notifying the requirement of the user so that

the civil sector could meaningfully respond to the needs of the defence services.

(iii) Procedural problems coming in the way of effective participation of the civil sector in defence production should be reviewed.

(iv) There should be commercialisation of R&D efforts in Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the laboratory facilities of DRDO should be made accessible to the civil sector

(v) There should be a dialogue between the defence sector and the civil sector for utilisation of each other's capabilities.

The Government policy with regard to defence production is precisely on the lines suggested in the seminar. The following steps in that direction have already been taken:—

(i) A forum has been established in the Deptt of Defence Production and Supplies (DDP&S) for interaction on a continuing basis between the civil sector and defence with a view to resolving the procedural problems coming in the way of civil sector participation in defence production and also to bring about transparency in notifying users' requirements.

(ii) DDP&S provides promotional assistance to civil sector firms entrusted with productionisation of assemblies and sub-assemblies of major equipments in the form of developmental advances and guidance in development of prototypes and also in bul manufacture.

(iii) DRDO has an established procedure for sharing and commercialisation of R&D efforts which can have spin-off application in civil sector. Also DRDO laboratories are allowing use of test and infrastructural facilities to civil sector on mutually agreed terms.

(iv) A dialogue has already been initiated between Ordnance Factory Board and associations of industry for utilisation of each other's capacities.

डा० अम्बेडकर की स्मृति में एक भवन का निर्माण

405. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि महू के सैनिक बैरकों में डा० अम्बेडकर की स्मृति में एक भवन बनाने के लिए सरकार ने 1975 में जमीन देने की घोषणा की थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या अब तक यह जमीन "डा० अम्बेडकर राष्ट्रीय समाज विज्ञान संस्थान" को नहीं सौंपी गयी है; यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) संस्थान को यह जमीन कब तक दे दी जायेगी?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार): (क) से (ग) सरकार ने महू छावनी में 22,500 वर्ग फुट खाली पड़ी रक्षा भूमि स्वर्गीय डा० बी० आर० अम्बेडकर का स्मारक बनाने के लिए सितम्बर, 1975 में डा० बी० आर अम्बेडकर स्मृति समिति को पट्टे पर देनी स्वीकृत की थी। भूमि उक्त समिति को 18.10.1977 को सुपुर्द कर दी गई थी।

डा० अम्बेडकर राष्ट्रीय समाज विज्ञान संस्थान से रक्षा भूमि के आबंटन के लिए कोई आवेदन प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Defence Agreement Between India and Malaysia

406. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a defence agreement has recently been signed between India and Malaysia; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)